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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph at the beginning of this application:

This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/374,253, filed August 13, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,214,193, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/096,015, filed June 10, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,099,702.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-16 and add the following new claims.

17. [(New)] An electroplating process unit comprising:  
a plating bath container;  
a wafer holder;